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## GENEALOGY.

### BRENT FAMILY—ADDENDA.

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[After the Brent genealogy was completed Mr. Chilton collected information in regard to various members of the family and its connections, which would add to the interest and value of the genealogy. He has also made various corrections. These additions and corrections will be printed in the next two or three issues of the Magazine.]

#### ADDITIONAL NOTES CONCERNING THE BRENT FAMILY.

##### BERMUDA CONNECTIONS.

The first wife of George Brent of Woodstock was Elizabeth Greene, daughter of Captain William Greene of Bermuda by his second wife, Mary, who was the eldest daughter of Sir William Layton. The name Elizabeth Greene occurs in a Virginia land grant to George Brent, dated November 7, 1677, and the name Elizabeth Brent occurs in one dated December 14th of the same year. This latter grant also mentions Mary Brent and Ann Brent, supposed to have been sisters of George Brent. The land described in this grant was on Little Hunting Creek (near the present site of Alexandria), and adjoined a grant to James Clifton, probably the same person who became the brother-in-law of George Brent, by marriage with his sister Ann, as it appears elsewhere.

If this Elizabeth Greene and Elizabeth Brent were, as would seem probable, the same person, George Brent and Elizabeth Greene were married between November 7th and December 14, 1677, and this seems to accord fairly well with the dates on the tombstones at Acquia.

William Greene, the father of Elizabeth (Greene) Brent, married first a Miss Wilson of Worcestershire, by whom he had a son, William. William Greene, the younger, made his will August 15, 1692, as recorded in Vol. III, Book of Wills, at Hamilton, Bermuda. This will was probated October 27, 1792.

William Greene had a life interest in his father's estate, after which it went to his half sister Elizabeth.

William Greene in his will mentions his half sister, Elizabeth, wife of Captain George Brent, his nephew George Brent, his nephew Nicholas Brent, his nephew Robert Brent and his niece Elizabeth Brent. To his brother-in-law, George Brent, he leaves his law books, his gold shirt buttons and his silver shoe buckles. He mentions also his half sister, Ann Roberts (wife of John Roberts, a broker in London), their son Mark Roberts, and their other children not named; his cousin, Mary Cham-

berlain; his mother-in-law (step-mother), Mary Greene; cousins William and John Hunt, brothers of Mary Chamberlain; cousins Isabel and Susan Greene (daughters of his uncle Anthony Greene of Canterbury); cousin Elizabeth Edwards of London (wife of William Edwards); cousin Ann Haggera of Acton (wife of ——— Haggera), and daughter of his uncle William Wilson; children of his uncle George Wilson of the city of Worcester; and his wife's brothers William and John Watlington. William Greene married Mary, daughter of Francis Watlington, but had no children. Mary (Watlington) Greene's will was dated April 6, 1715, and probated May 6th, following. The Watlington's are a numerous and influential family in Bermuda.

A large portion of the land which originally belonged to William Greene's estate is now in possession of the Trimmingham family. The Trimminghams were connected with the Seymours, elsewhere referred to, and were also connected by marriage with the Brents. George Brent, the son of Robert and grandson of George Brent of Woodstock, married Catherine Trimmingham. A Mrs. McCaul living in New York in recent years, and a descendant of the Trimminghams, was named Araminta Francis Brent.

In connection with the settlement of William Greene's estate, Robert, son of George Brent of Woodstock, having received a power of attorney from his brother Nicholas Brent to enable him to attend to the interests of the latter in this property, went to Bermuda in 1701. He was present in court at St. George, Bermuda, on January 23, 1702, with his relative, Thomas Clifton, probably his first cousin and the son of his aunt, Ann Clifton.

On May 8, 1702, Robert Brent was married to Susannah, daughter of Captain Daniel Seymour, son of the Governor of that island. William Seymour, great grandfather of Captain Daniel Seymour, was the first of the family to emigrate to Bermuda in 1617. There is a tradition on the island that he was obliged to flee from England on account of his connection with some political plot which miscarried and in consequence of which one of his less fortunate companions went to the scaffold. His name appears as foreman of the grand jury of the Assize Court. In 1619, he was Sergeant Major under Governor Nathaniel Butler. He is last officially noticed in 1629. Captain William Seymour, his son, was Councillor of State in 1638, and commander of Paget Fort in 1653. He is last mentioned May 4, 1653, at the trial of John Middleton, for witchcraft. He died about 1655. His son, Florentius Seymour, Councillor of State and Captain of Southampton Fort in 1661, was Governor General of the island from 1663 to 1668; reappointed 1681, and died in the same year. Daniel Seymour, his son (father of the wife of Robert Brent), in 1681 signed a petition to Charles II against the abolition of the Bermuda Company. In 1686, he was commander of Paget Fort. In 1893 his only descendant in England was said to be a Miss Caroline Seymour living in Warwick. His will and that of his father were not found.

Daniel Seymour, thought to be the nephew, or possibly the brother, of Susannah Seymour, made his will June 5, 1735. His wife was Martha, daughter of John Vose of the parish of Ladbury, County Hereford, England. He left a minor son, John Vose Seymour.

(TO BE CONTINUED)

# ENGLISH ANCESTRY OF THE DADE FAMILY OF VIRGINIA.

(CONCLUDED.)

William<sup>4</sup> Dade, Esq. (*Thomas*<sup>5</sup>), of Tannington, Suffolk, was born 1579, and died February 22, 1659 and was buried in Tannington Church. He married first, in 1612, Mary, daughter of Henry Wingfield, Esq., of Crofield, Suffolk. She died February 3, 1624, and he married, secondly, Elizabeth, daughter of John Revett, Esq., of Brandeston.

In the chancel of Tannington Church is a stone with the following inscription:

“Here lyeth the Body  
of William Dade Esq.  
He died the 22th day of  
February 1659 aged  
80 years.”

On a brass plate in the chancel is the epitaph of Mary Wingfield, first wife of William Dade. There were formerly four shields of arms on the tomb, two still remain. One of them, bearing Dade and Wingfield impaled, is copied in the annexed cut. The inscription is as follows:

“HERE LYETH YE BODIE OF MARIE DADE  
THE WIFE OF WILLIAM DADE ESQR WHO  
WAS THE DAUGHTER OF HENRY WINGFIELD  
OF CROFIELD ESQ. WHO DIED YE THIRD DAY  
OF FEBRVARY ANO D'NI 1624.”

There is also in the chancel a stone with the following epitaph:

“Here lyeth Buried Elizabeth  
Daughter of John Reuett of  
Brandeston Esq. & second  
Wife to William Dade Esq. shee  
died 24 Febr. 1656.”

William Dade and Mary Wingfield, his first wife, had issue:

1. Thomas<sup>5</sup> Dade, Esq., of Tannington; died September 15, 1685, aged 70. He married Elizabeth, daughter of John Acton, Esq., of Bramford, Suffolk, and had several children. In the chancel of Tannington is a stone with the Dade arms: *On a fesse between three garbs, a crescent, for difference*, and his epitaph, as follows: